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Glee Club Prospects Bright for 3rd Year

Sixty Voice Group
Smooth and Strong



With December 18 the date and well attended weekly rehearsals so far, Dr. William H. Pood, president, is looking forward to a fine program in this year's Christmas Concert. Songs selected include such long-term favorites as the "Carol of the Bells," "The Shepherd's Story," "Gesu Bambino," "Hallelujah Chorus," "Gloria in Excelsis" and "Beautiful Savior." In addition, a group of more frequently heard carols will be spotlighted by the club during the second half of this initial concert.

Again this year the club will be under the direction of Mr. Harry MacMillan, well known choral conductor, who had charge of last year's concert. Faculty Advisors to the club are Miss Irma Reese, from the Nursing School, and Dr. F. Long, from the Osteopathic College. The club's officers commented that they were "especially grateful" to Dr. Long and Miss Reese for their sincere interest and kind assistance whenever it has been necessary.

Glee Clubs at P.C.O. have been intermittently appearing throughout the history of the institution. This lends particular significance to the point that this is the third successive year a Glee Club has appeared and the current club is one of the finest so far.

Revivers of the Glee Club were Drs. Richard Meyer, William Selnick and William Pood. This 1948 group was also a combined group from both the college and the hospital. Last year an all-male club won even more friends for the Glee Club movement by presenting a Spring Concert on April 29, which met with the overwhelming approval of its audience. The re-entrance of the Nursing Students, and Graduates as participants has given Mr. MacMillan an even greater range of talent with which to work.

Soloists for the Christmas concert have been carefully selected and include Miss Hazel Griner, Miss June Duttbrenner, Miss Patricia Smith, Dr. William H. Pood and Dr. Herbert Hoover.

Not to be underestimated is the contribution of Mrs. "Buz" Henderson. Arlene is a professional music teacher at one of the suburban schools, and has been donating her

Expansion of Academy of Applied Osteopathy Gets Underway

The Board of Trustees of the Academy of Applied Osteopathy has authorized the founding of Undergraduate Academies in each of the various undergraduate Osteopathic Institutions. The first such group was formed here at The Philadelphia College of Osteopathy during the last college year. Mr. Frederick Barth, president of the Board of Trustees of the college, is very much interested in the development and progress of the group.

The project selected by the Undergraduate Academy of Applied Osteopathy at P.C.O. is a study of the disturbances of the upper extremity in relation to postural defects. The literature is being reviewed and catalogued, so that art-

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REMARKS BY

Student Council Dance

A FRESHMAN

Some of the modern music is so embellished with the unusual, the artistic aspects are often well concealed. Such was the case with the modern P.C.O. staff writers at press time. Out of three prepared articles which were supposed to describe the Student Council dance this evening, not one said what had to be said, in anything resembling readable English.

One particular version did not mention that the affair was to be held at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel. Indeed, the author of this one article was so involved in abstract trips from silver-fringed clouds to fire-radiating sterno cleidos, that he completely forgot that the dance might be held at any one particular outpost here in this world of real-

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Students Present Osteopathic Research Surveys

In very few departments of human interest have more serious thoughts and inquiry been pushed with more vigor during the past 15 years, than that of Osteopathy. And this is well. A deeper and more wide-spread understanding of this school of medicine and its developments must not be forfeited to other interests, if medicine is to grow more sound and enduring. Even the last few years have witnessed very appreciable changes and innovations in thought and interpretation in the field of our present interest.

In writing the subsequent series of Osteopathic research surveys for "The Axone," J. J. Adler and J. B. Joye find that exhaustive and detailed treatment of the subject

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EDITORIALS

Renaissance of the Axone Our Baby!

The Axone is as immortal as the proverbial cat of nine lives. It has lived gloriously but briefly a countless number of times since its original inception twenty-five odd years ago. A vigorously functioning Student Council feels keenly the need for a forum for the interchange of student ideas. The student newspaper is intended to fulfill that need. It is under the guidance of the Student Council as represented by Leo Unger, who is chairman of Student Activities and the driving force in the rebirth of Axone.

The Axone is your newspaper, it's "your baby". Accept or reject it. You can't be indifferent. The first issue will be the last if you so desire it, so please fill in the form on the last page.

A publication must have material. Axone has in the past repeatedly and insidiously died from malnutrition, and so if you want a newspaper YOU must supply the material and not permit it to die from neglect. Each of us has something to say, be it humorous, profound thoughts, light musings, or just plain gossip. We can all gripe. Do it in the Letters to the Editor column. Names will not be divulged if we are so requested. Attend an interesting lecture or concert? Read a fascinating book or article? Review them for your paper! If your material is in need of revision we'll edit it, so don't let your self-consciousness hold you back. Let's all write for our paper so that everyone will enjoy reading it.

H. W. W.

Lofty Ideals

It is not without humility that we present this first edition of the new Axone. Although this first edition in three years is undoubtedly sketchy in places, it does represent a substantial beginning.

A common human error is inability to criticize self as objectively as others. Knowing ourselves to be distinctly homo sapiens, we recognize and welcome our readers' criticism.

As a student publication the Axone is directly dependent upon the students as individuals to lend a hand. A handful of individuals can publish such a paper, but working

without sufficient staff puts an unnecessary strain upon the editors. It also limits the degree of discretion that may be exercised editorially as regards quality of material to be published.

You need not be an author, bookkeeper, or advertising wizard; for if you can read, write, count, or type we can use you! The services you render will be immediately visible to all in the form of a smoother reading, more carefully edited Axone!

We have Lofty Ideals, but they are worthy ones. Will you help us make them materialize?

B. H.

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Life 'O Lerch

GORDON LERCH



See Here, PRIVATE HOSPITALS

Every year at Hallowe'en, kids of all ages, all over the country, play "bobbing for apples." Young and old dig in joyously as nose face, and small sorrows submerge in the tubs. To the victor goes the loot. To the loser consolation prizes or just consolation.

Every year, starting months before Hallowe'en, several hundred osteopathic students throughout the country play "bobbing for apples." This game is on a more grandiose scale, with the whole country a tub. Those that can afford it, tour the orchards in the hopes of sinking their teeth into the fruit while it's still on the trees, or at least getting the chance to shake a branch or two . . . or see a worm or two. Those that cannot afford it stay home and wait for the game to begin in the accepted fashion. Still others start the contest while the apples are still blossoms, hoping that the embryonic nemesis of the garden of eden will fall their way.

But unlike the Hallowe'en game, this joust never starts at the same time for all the players. Some apples fall in September, some in October, November, December, or January—some never fall . . . nipped in the blossom.

These osteopathic apples are versatile fruit (some are regarded as plums, even some as lemons). They're all significant of one thing in common. They're all internships.

It's too late for Hallowe'en this year. Starting next year let's play the game the same time for all. It's hell bobbing for an apple and getting a lemon, but it's worse waiting around open mouthed for one to fall. At least we can know when the game is over—even if there aren't enough apples.

—Carl J. Wesley—'51.

Our Student COUNCIL

Our Student Council is composed of four representatives and one alternate, elected by us, from each of the four classes. The Council meets every second week to discuss and act on student business and, subsequently, a report is given to the Student Body.

These reports cannot communicate to us the real honest-to-goodness drama of each meeting. Problems of immediate interest to everyone of us are thrashed out in heated, intelligent debate. It's a real pleasure to watch our classmates slug it out, in forging to a decision, and you admire them for the resoluteness they bring to issues of atomic potentialities.

Our representatives discuss our individual gripes on their merits. If a favorable vote results the matter is then brought to the attention of the Dean's Office, where it receives sympathetic attention. And our Student Council IS getting results.

The Council mediates our needs with the administration, and it aims at integrating further the interrelationships of students, faculty, and alumni. Students are kept busy with excellent social and educational activities, among which the most popular are the dances, the Glee Club, and the athletic program at the YMCA. The AXONE is the organ of our Council and it serves a manifold purpose as a student forum, a reliable vehicle for information, and the means whereby our ties with the faculty and the alumni are secured. A college is necessarily dependent upon the alumni for a healthy growth in curriculum as well as in physical plant. The Axone it is hoped will acquaint the alumni with our problems, thereby stimulating their active

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Nurses' News

VIEWS — NOTES

All those pale faces and very inornate individuals seen about the hospital two weeks ago were the slightly plain product of a rather intensive week-long initiation of the newest class in the POH Nursing School. Just about the only relief from these rigors came in a Saturday night party at one of the fraternity houses. Much fun was had by all!

The girls at the house have to sacrifice their late evening "cokes" these days in order that they may be somewhat prepared for what appears to be a never-ending siege of quizzes and exams.

The Probies divide their time between conscientious study and writing poetry about, not men but, their favorite member of the faculty, "Annie" D'Aurio. Can anyone think of a nicer way to study Serology?

The major topics of interest among the "Belles femmes" are the forthcoming Student Council Dance and the "64-Dollar" question, "When do the Probies go on the floor?" They all hope it will be soon.

One day not too long ago one of the Probies was dissecting a living bunny. An embarrassing error resulted in a severe stench which just about ended that days class. In an effort to overcome the disagreeable aroma in the air, a kindly Junior from the college lit a cigar and overpowered the initial stench with fumes a la PHILLIE. In the final tally the cigar smoke made more people sick than the odor it was used to cover.

— Inspired —

When heads are turned

And fellows stare,

We know it's Annie

With the dark brown hair;

All microbe hunters

Do declare,

"There ain't no finer,

Anywhere."

The bell of the lab,

Our lady fair,

The aerobes miss her

When she "ain't" there;

We'll be leaving soon,

And how we'll care!

Cause we're Annie's pals,

For ere and ere'.

EXPANSION . . .

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icles pertaining to the problem may be more easily found.

Open meetings of Undergraduate Academy are held twice a year. At the first open meeting, conducted shortly after school commenced this fall, Dr. Robert B. Thomas, of Huntington, West Virginia, and Perrin T. Wilson, of Cambridge, Mass., addressed the group. These men are both past presidents of the American Osteopathic Association.

The Advisory Committee is composed of the Academy members, some of who are not members of this college faculty. Dr. William S. Nicholl, of Philadelphia, is the first to be named to the committee, with others to be appointed by the parent organization.

Membership will be open to mem-

LETTER FROM ALUMNI

Congratulations to Axone Staff

With this first issue of the Axone there will come a new experience for many in the present College student body. It will be a more personal newspaper for the betterment of the students as a whole, keeping those in authority as well as bystanders posted on activities. All alumni of the prewar years will surely remember the Axone for its important contribution to the College program. As Alumni Secretary I am very pleased to see its return in the hope that it will be one more link in the chain of endeavor to knit a closer relationship between the students and the alumni.

It is our intention to see that a copy of this publication is mailed to every member of the Alumni Association in good standing so that they will have an additional means of keeping posted on happenings at the College front.

I feel sure that the Alumni organization will cooperate in every way possible to help the editorial staff of the Axone. If by any chance any of the alumni have pertinent information for professional openings available I am sure that this newspaper would be a good means for disseminating such knowledge.

Congratulations to the editorial staff of the Axone.

H. WILLARD STERRETT, JR.

Secretary, Alumni Association

REMARKS BY . . .

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ity. Nevertheless, the Penn-Sheraton is the site of the gala affair, and a good choice at that.

Then there is the Axone reporter who walks into the college on Sunday morning at 8:05 and wonders where the other students could be. To him time means nothing at all and he proved his point very adequately by omitting the date of the dance from his article. It might be possible that this rather confused individual was being overworked in the clinic, studying for board examinations, or possibly slightly inebriated at the time he wrote this article. No matter why it happened, he Skipped up and the date November 17 was not to be found anywhere in the two page article. Being a rather loud dresser, the writer did mention that the style would be semi-formal but he undid all his good work with the crack that "the men would be semi-drunk and their wives would be formal!"

Since Freshmen have a hallelujah schedule, that may explain how one of them became so imbued with the current hit-parade, that his article read like a copy of Downbeat magazine. It wouldn't have been too unpalatable if he could have found appropriate song titles but, not having a song entitled "Nine O'Clock in the Evening", he completely forgot to tell when the dance was to begin. Since the Axone's editor did not want to discourage this young hopeful, his work has been filed for "future reference!"

The editor decided instead on this curt announcement, which is more to the point:

Student Council Dance tonight, 9:00 P. M., at the Penn-Sheraton, to be semi-formal; women in gowns (optional), men in business suits.

Members of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, in addition to the last trimester freshmen, who possess no conditions in their regular college work. Interested students should make application to Jim Kellam, chairman of the membership committee, giving their class affiliation and reasons for wishing to become members of the Undergraduate Academy of Osteopathy.

Neuropsychiatric Soc. Lists Extensive Plans

The Neuropsychiatric Society, under the capable leadership of its energetic president, Murray Robin, has planned an extensive educational and practical program oriented it ward Psychiatry.

Dr. Frederick A. Long presented the introductory lecture, "Psychotherapy," which formed a very substantial foundation on which to build a coordinated scientific approach to Psychiatry. Later, a student panel on "Modes of Psychotherapy" provided a rewarding and educational evening for the enthusiastic audience; Boris Nathanson spoke on "Psychodrama and Play Therapy, Manual Slotbotnick discussed "Shock Therapy," and Philip Katz spoke on "Psychoanalysis." An informal question and answer period followed.

On November 20th, at 8:00, Michael Dunn of the Deveraux School, will address the group on the subject of "Projective Psychiatric Techniques." In addition, Dr. Linden, who proved to be so popular in the past, is scheduled to speak in the near future.

The highly interesting educational programs offer a remarkable volume of information of great value to the student, for the physician needs all the help he can get in this field, nevertheless, the directing force must be his.

Therefore, everyone is cordially invited to attend the Neuropsychiatric Society's lectures and functions, for through the various features of the presentations and their respective contributions, you will derive an increased appreciation of, and respect for, psychiatry.

STUDENT COUNCIL . . .

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participation in their resolutions.

The Student Council represents us, the Student Body, and therefore we are urgently requested to appear at the bi-monthly meetings to air our complaints and suggestions. The Dean's Office will gladly hear these as it has past Council suggestion regarding the curriculum, instruction, and the use of various educational aids, such as movies.

DIAGNOSIS:

Frivolity

Slowly the clock ticks the time away and slowly the days, weeks, and then months go by. On the minds of the seniors are pictures of "Dr. J. A. Doe," on their office door; but first of all that internship. This is only a pebble to them. They have stepped over the bolders, and soon will be ready to go out into this cold, cold world and put into practice what they have learned. But their learning will not cease at graduation. They will continue to learn after years and years of practice. Learn, and become doctors of renown.

The juniors are marking off the days, and the day is drawing nearer when they will become seniors. Seniors—no more exams—what a day!! Then, they will have a new goal. A goal that has been reached by those before them, but they can breathe now—breathe and laugh, and sleep and eat like they hadn't done for quite some time.

The sophomores look forward to a breathing spell when they have completed their third trimester. Then, back into the fire and again commence to mark off days on the calendar.

But alas, who do we have at the bottom of all this print? The freshmen, who not only are marking time, but are also biting their nails and pulling their hairs to the tune that should be number one on the hit parade, "Don't Worry."

Yes, when these days have gone by, all of us will look back and see that, in spite of the tough grind we had to labor through, it was fun . . . Remember . . . the jokes Bob used to tell . . . those frat parties that lasted all night . . . how Ped Flaherty's face would get when the prosecutor quizzed him . . . those "anomalies" we used to find in the bodies . . . Dr. Cathie's quiz days and sighs of relief when the period ended . . . Dr. Torrieris remarkable sense of humor . . . ?

Yes, the memories we will carry long after these days have gone by. And, with these memories, our friends, who will have gone their respective ways. Some we will see again or hear from, and others will go off into oblivion, BUT the clocks will continue to tick for those behind us.

— Anthony Szymanski.

GLEE CLUB . . .

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services to the Glee Club unhesitatingly whenever called upon.

In addition to the concerts here at the school, the Glee Club has offered its services to both Army and Navy Hospitals and Camps in this area. Several radio and television offers are also under current consideration.

The Christmas Concert of the PCO—POH Glee Club is open to students, faculty, and friends of the college and hospital without admission fee. The concert will be followed by an informal dance at the college. The members of the club are working, and working hard, to do a good job and the best thanks they could receive would be a large attendance on December 18.

Social Notes & Notices

ATLAS CLUB

This fall the Atlas Club seniors are conducting symposiums on osteopathic medicine and manipulative technique. After each business meeting a four man team presents cases to the undergraduates in attendance and these are then diagnosed and discussed by the group.

Fall rushing closed with a bang on Saturday, November 11th, with an Atlas Club dance at the Penn Hall. The Atlas Wives Auxiliary has been going strong for several years now, and, as usual, the twenty active members have plans underway for another set of big doings this year.

Johnny Fidler, Hal Walmer and Jack Brill represented the club at the national convention in Chicago last summer. "Chicago," they report, "certainly is a fine town!"

STUDENT WIVES:

The Osteopathic Student Wives Association (OSWA) has been organized this fall. There has been some difficulty in contacting ALL student wives. The group is looking forward to a large attendance on Tuesday, November 21, 1950, in Room 211. Every wife is cordially invited.

HYPNOSIS

A number of students in the College have formed a study and research group in Hypnosis. The aim of this organization is to attempt to establish a scientific basis for some of the reactions which have been observed in Hypnotism. The history of this science, the recent work accomplished, technique of induction, and Hypnotherapy are all being included in the program. Dr. Cecil Harris, of the Psychiatry Department has joined the group a faculty advisor. Meetings are held on alternate Wednesdays, at 5 P. M. in room 211. Those interested are welcome to come and join if willing to take an active part in the work.

LINACRE SOCIETY

The purpose of the Linacre Society is primarily to assist the Catholic student physician in recognizing his duties to himself and

to society and secondarily to inform members of other faiths of the beliefs, laws, and medical ethics of the Catholic religion.

The program of the society for the current school year includes a course of fourteen lectures to be delivered by the Rev. James McFadden every second and fourth Tuesday of the month (vacation periods excluded) at 7:30 P. M. in Room 211. These meetings are open to everyone. The topic on November 14th will be "The Church and Evolution," on November 28th—"The Immortality of the Soul," on December 12th—"The Confessional and Mental Health." There will be a brief period of discussion of each subject following its presentation. Father McFadden has set up a schedule of instruction to cover a four year period. There will be visiting lecturers of prominence at many of the meetings.

There will be a Communion Breakfast for all members of the society on December 9th. Mass will be celebrated at St Francis De Sales Church at 9 A. M. and there will be breakfast following at Garden Court.

OSTEOPATHIC RESEARCH . . .

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could not be undertaken if the surveys were to be kept within reasonable limits. The problem of selection was thus inescapable. However, here at The Philadelphia College of Osteopathy two momentous research projects are now under intense development. Both the Cerebral Palsy Clinic, under the direction of Dr. Arbuckle and Dr. Allen, and the Postural Study and Research Project, under the direction of Dr. Cathie and Dr. Pratt have grown to tremendous importance, with the result that a vast amount of clinical and anatomical studies are being compiled.

Although the major objectives of the authors concerning their subsequent research survey presentations is to orient the student of Osteopathy, the interest of the non-professional, but intellectually eager, general reader is given equal consideration.

Conference Compendium

by David Simon

The Neuropsychiatric Conference Tuesday series continued its interesting ways with a presentation of 2 Brachial Plexus injuries. Present were representatives from the departments of Neurology, Psychiatry, Neuro-Surgery, and Pediatrics.

Dr. Guest brought in a 12 year old girl with an obviously underdeveloped right shoulder girdle plus decreased bicipital strength. The supinating ability of the right forearm was somewhat weakened. She found it impossible to raise her arm overhead or bring it past the somewhat horizontal level, although her general musculature was good. This is a congenital Erb's Palsy. The functional changes are those of a fibrotic nature and contracture rather than muscle weakness and active paralysis. Surgery is prescribed in this case to release the contracture.

Dr. Harris then brought in a 6-weeks old forceps delivery child who showed no use of, or grasp reflex in, the left arm. This was discovered in our hospital thru the Pediatric Dept.'s routine use of the Moro Reflex test. The covers are pulled out from underneath the child who is then checked bilaterally for a difference in the response of the limbs. A Horner syndrome was also present. Diagnosis—Erb-Klumpke palsy.

It was decided to prevent contracture by putting the arm up in the policeman's position of elevation, abduction, and external rotation. An airplane splint is used. Other measures included massage and exercise to the muscle and putting the arm thru its range of motion. Dr. Melnick advises active spinal OMT to reduce any possible edematous condition.

The Brachial Plexus syndrome due to the stretching and edema or tearing of nerves of the Brachial Plexus. An improvement may be expected in 6 months unless there has been actual tearing. In the Upper or Erb's Palsy the damage is frequently due to the head and neck being violently pushed to the side opposite damage. In the Lower or Klumpke's palsy there often is injury with the arm in the overhead position.

NEW PLANS

Cerebral Palsy Clinic

A permit has been obtained for property on Sproul Road near Lawrence to house the Cerebral Palsy and Research Clinic. Through the assiduousness and perseverance of Dr. Beryl L. Arbuckle and her associates, "Dr. John Warren, Dr. P. Frank Miller, and Dr. Blanche C. Allen," this notable achievement has become a reality. We, the staff of "The Axone" and The Student Body of The Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, extend our warmest wishes for the success of this important and significant endeavor.

Apology

The editor regrets that through an oversight the significant work of Angus G. Cathy, D. O., in applied osteopathy was not mentioned in the front page article concerning the Academy.

Dr. Cathy is the Chairman of the Committee on Under Graduate Academics.

Remember the Dance

TONIGHT

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